

## **Fifth Annual Neighborhood Partners Fund Program Offers Matching Grants to Neighborhood Associations**

The fifth annual Neighborhood Partners Fund (NPF) application process begins on March 4, 2002, offering neighborhood associations the opportunity to apply for a maximum of \$5,000 to help improve the quality of their neighborhoods. The NPF, a real “do-it-yourself” program for neighborhoods, allows the city to support citizen creativity, empowerment, and responsibility. The deadline for applications is April 22.

Some of the projects that qualify under the NPF grant process include landscaping projects, neighborhood computer labs, senior citizen home safety programs, literacy projects, youth athletic leagues, mural projects, or other proposals related to community improvement. Neighborhood associations need to match the city’s contribution in cash, volunteer time, or through in-kind services and goods. What an opportunity for residents to approach neighborhood businesses for support! Projects are required to take place within city limits and include direct resident involvement in all phases of the projects.

Applications will be available at the Neighborhood Services Department in City Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor and at the NPF informational workshops. These workshops will present information on how to develop a project, how to apply for non-profit status, and specifics about the matching-grant program. Register by phone for ONE of the workshops presented at the following times and locations. Contact NPF Program Administrator Maria Castillo-Couch at 229-6681.

### **Workshops**

<b>Tuesday, March 5</b>	<b>Human Resources Department</b>
<b>2 – 4 p.m.</b>	416 N. 7 <sup>th</sup> Street, Room 3 <b>Phone:</b> 229-6315
<b>Saturday, March 9</b>	<b>Rafael Rivera Community Center, Room B</b>
<b>10 a.m. – 12 p.m.</b>	2900 Stewart Avenue (at Mojave) <b>Phone:</b> 229-4600
<b>Thursday, March 14</b>	<b>Neighborhood Preservation Office (West LV Office)</b>
<b>5:30 – 7:30 p.m.</b>	914 Owens (Nucleus Business Plaza) <b>Phone:</b> 229-2540
<b>Tuesday, March 19</b>	<b>Veterans Memorial Leisure Services Center</b>
<b>5:30 – 7:30 p.m.</b>	101 Pavilion Center Drive (North of Alta) <b>Phone:</b> 229-1100
<b>Saturday, March 30</b>	<b>Northwest Leisure Services</b>
<b>10 a.m. – 12 p.m.</b>	3521 Durango (at Cheyenne) <b>Phone:</b> 240-9622

The application process is easy, and technical assistance will be provided to explain the program. It’s all as easy as a phone call!